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SUBJECT: FOREIGN POLICY IN GISCARD'S NOVEMBER 26

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SUMMARY: GISCARD SAID LITTLE AND NOTHING NEW ABOUT
FOREIGN POLICY IN HIS SPEECH NOVEMBER 26, BUT HE
SHREWDLY USED HIS UPCOMING MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT FORD,
BREZHNEV AND EEC LEADERS TO RALLY SUPPORT FOR HIS
DOMESTIC POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRAMS. END SUMMARY.

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. THE SHORT SECTION ON FOREIGN
AFFAIRS INCLUDED IN PRESIDENT GISCARD'S SPEECH TO THE
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NATION FOLLOWS:

"I AM WELL AWARE THAT FRENCHMEN DO NOT LOOK OFTEN TO THE EXTERNAL WORLD BUT I ASK YOU TO LISTEN WITH ME TO ITS GREAT CLAMOR. IT IS IN THIS WORLD THAT FRANCE MUST PLAY ITS ROLE AND HOLD ITS PLACE. DURING THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, I AM GOING TO TAKE PART IN IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS. I SHALL HAVE THE PLEASURE TO RECEIVE IN PARIS THE WORKING VISIT OF MR. LEONIDE BREZHNEV. I AM PLANNING, AS YOU KNOW, AND IN THE EXERCISE OF THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FRENCH PRESIDENCY, TO CALL A MEETING OF EUROPEAN CHIEFS OF GOVERNMENT. SUBSEQUENTLY, I SHALL MEET THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE FRENCH DEPARTMENT OF MARTINIQUE.

I SHALL SPEAK IN YOUR NAME. DURING OUR MEETINGS WITH OUR EASTERN PARTNERS, I SHALL STRIVE TO SERVE THE CAUSE OF PEACE BY DEVELOPING OUR ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL COOPERATION WITH THEM AND BY ENDEAVORING TO MOVE FROM DETENTE TO ENTENTE.

I SHALL SERVE THE FUTURE OF OUR CIVILIZATION BY STRIVING TO CONTRIBUTE PATIENTLY, OBSTINATELY TO THE UNIFICATION OF THE PEOPLES OF EUROPE, A NECESSARY UNIFICATION IF WE WISH THEM TO BE ABLE TO COUNT IN TOMORROW'S WORLD.

FINALLY, I SHALL SERVE WORLD ECONOMIC BALANCE IN THE CORDIAL AND FRANK CONVERSATIONS WHICH I SHALL HAVE WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE FIRST ECONOMIC POWER OF THE WORLD.

I SHALL SPEAK, THUS, IN YOUR NAME. I SHOULD LIKE TO GIVE THE IMAGE OF A FRANCE SOVEREIGN IN ITS DECISIONS, CAPABLE OF UNDERSTANDING AND DELIGHTING IN THE WORLD OF ITS TIME, CAPABLE OF PROPOSING DECISIONS AND SOLUTIONS OF CONCILIATION AND NOT OF CONFRONTATION, A FRANCE AS FAR REMOVED FROM ARROGANCE AS FROM HUMILIATION." END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. COMMENT: NOT UNNATURALLY, GISCARD ATTEMPTED TO MAKE DOMESTIC POLITICAL CAPITAL OF HIS UPCOMING MEETINGS WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOREIGN LEADERS. HE TRIED TO CREATE THE IMAGE OF A FRANCE, UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP, STILL ABLE TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE WORLD AND UNDERLINED THE REQUIREMENT FOR POPULAR SUPPORT OF THE PRESIDENT SUCH A ROLE DEMANDS. APPEALING IN PARTICULAR TO THE LEFT AND TO ELEMENTS OF THE UDR, HE STRESSED POLITICAL AS WELL AS ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH THE USSR. APPEALING TO CENTRISTS, HE SPOKE OUT FOR EUROPEAN UNIFICATION. ADDRESS-

ING HIMSELF TO THE MASS OF FRENCHMEN CONCERNED ABOUT INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, HE STATED HIS INTENTION TO TALK FRANKLY WITH THE US. BY STRESSING HIS POLICY OF CONCILIATION AS OPPOSED TO CONFRONTATION AND BY EQUATING ARROGANCE WITH HUMILIATION AS ATTITUDES TO BE AVOIDED, GISCARD ONCE AGAIN MOVED GINGERLY (AND WITH MINIMUM RISK) IN THE DIRECTION OF A MINIMAL DIVERGENCE FROM GAULLIST STANCES. HE INDIRECTLY ATTEMPTED TO REINFORCE HIS AUTHORITY ON FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS BY ASSERTING THAT HE WAS SPEAKING IN THE NAME OF THE FRENCH PEOPLE.
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